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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF PRESIDENT BANZER'S RESIGNATION

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRESS AND RADIO CARRIED REPORTS AFTERNOON AUGUST 30 THAT PRESIDENT BANZER HAD DECIDED TO RESIGN PRESIDENCY AND TURN OFFICE OVER TO ARMED FORCES. REPORTS ALSO INDICATED THAT BANZER WOULD CONVOKE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS FOR MAY 1975 PRIOR TO LEAVING PRESIDENCY. SUBSEQUENTLY, GENERAL ALCOREZA, ARMY COMMANDER, MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT BANZER'S RESIGNATION HAS NOT REPEATEDLY BEEN ACCEPTED.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 2030 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 30, RADIO STATIONS BROADCAST STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT BANZER ANNOUNCING THAT HE HAD WITHDRAWN HIS RESIGNATION AT REQUEST OF JOINT COMMAND OF ARMED FORCES

, CABINET AND CO-GOVERNING POLITICAL PARTIES.

BANZER CALLED FOR UNITY OF ALL FORCES SUPPORTING HIS GOVERNMENT, DESCRIBING BRIEF RESIGNATION CRISIS A "LESSON" FOR MILITARY, POLICE AND NATIONALIST POLITICAL PARTIES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BANZER PROVOKED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESIGNATION CRISIS BECAUSE HE SAW HIS SUPPORT WANING IN MILITARY,

AND WISHED TO FORCE DECISION ON PART OF ARMED FORCES EITHER TO CONTINUE
SUPPORTING HIS GOVERNMENT OR TO TAKE OVER PRESIDENCY THEMSELVES.
ONE RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMS US THAT BANZER STILL INTENDS TO
ISSUE CALL TO ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD NOW TAKE PLACE IN MAY 1975.

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